FISCAL NOTE

HB 2306 - SB 2302

March 18, 2005

SUMMARY OF BILL: Revises provisions governing the issuance of a restricted driver license; adds offenses to those that constitute serious traffic violations; authorizes the dismissal of the charge of driving a commercial vehicle without a commercial license if the offender comes into compliance with law prior to court date; revises other various provisions regarding driver licenses and safety.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Revenues – Net Impact – \$39,100 State Expenditures – Net Impact – Not Significant

Other Fiscal Impact – According to the Department of Transportation, in the absence of this bill, the State of Tennessee will be in noncompliance with the federal *Motor Carrier Safety Improvement Act*. Failure to comply would result in the loss of 5% of certain federal aid funds in the first year and 10% in subsequent years. At current funding levels, this reduction would be approximately \$30,000,000 in the first year and \$60,000,000 in subsequent years.

Assumptions:

- A decrease in state revenues resulting from not issuing restricted commercial driver licenses. (60 @ \$71 each)
- An increase in state revenues from the collection of reinstatement fees. (377 @ \$115 each)
- Any decrease in state expenditures from not issuing restricted commercial driver licenses versus any increase in state expenditures from processing reinstatements will not be significant.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

James W. White, Executive Director